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BLOCK DISTORTION DETECTION METHOD,
BLOCK DISTORTION DETECTION APPARATUS,
BLOCK DISTORTION REMOVAL METHOD, AND
BLOCK DISTORTION REMOVAL APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 7, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group III, claims 3, 4, 27, 36 and 37, without traverse, for further prosecution. In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

If there are any issues that the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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